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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the Japanese documents, along with English-language Abstracts are enclosed.

All of the documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action issued on February 8, 2005, in a foreign counterpart application. The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents is found in the attached translation of the Examiner's Comments on the publications, from the February 8, 2005 Japanese Office Action, and in the attached English Abstracts thereof.

In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,704,521 and U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2002/0025173 and 2003/0123889 correspond to Japanese Document No. 2002/6695 and U.S. Patent No. 6,839,534 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0031374 correspond to Japanese Document No. 2002-72651.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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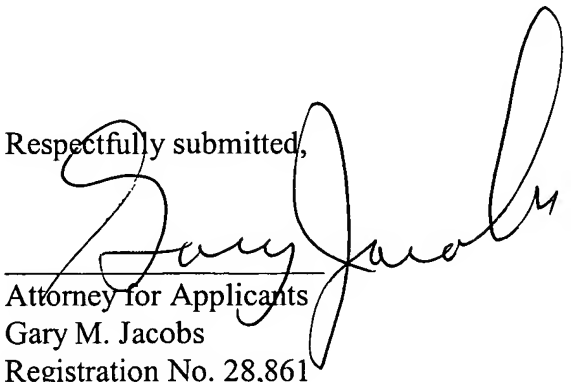
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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